



Minutes of Meeting
CITIZENS' EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
February 11, 2015

ATTENDANCE

Citizens' Efficiency Commissioners

X	Larry Bomke	X	Robert Plunk
X	Josh Collins	X	J.D. Sudeth
	James Donelan	X	Joan Walters
X	Karen Hasara	X	Robert Wesley
X	Jackie Newman		

Others:

Norm Sims - SSCPRC

Jeff Fulgenzi -SSCRPC

Gail Weiskopf- SSCRPC

Christie Crites – Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Joan Walters called the meeting of the Citizens' Efficiency Commission to order.

II. ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

Chair Walters announced that commissioner Mr. James Donelan would not be in attendance for the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Walters asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the January 11, 2014, regular meeting. Robert Plunk moved to approve the minutes. Josh Collins seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

IV. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Walters asked the public visitor to introduce herself. Ms. Christie Crites, with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. was in attendance. Chair Walters thanked her for coming.

Chair Walters reported a letter and certificate was presented to Mayor Houston at the City Council meeting in January, to recognize their work on the centralized garage and on the NAPPA contract. In addition, Vice-Chair Robert Punk has written a letter and has certificates for the villages of Dawson and Riverton to commend them on their shared administration services.



Chair Walters explained the importance of using the certificates and letters as a tool, the CEC can show people that their efforts are appreciated and have been noticed. Mr. Norm Sims spoke of the importance of how the shared services are a result of the RLC meetings.

Chair Waters stated that Chris Hembrough of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce could not attend the meeting again today, however he did state that by reviewing their Policy Agenda, one could see there it has a lot of CEC materials that the Chamber is embracing and are currently working behind scenes on some items.

V. DISCUSSION OF TASKFORCE WORK PLANS

A. Regional Leadership Council as Strategic Partner - Higher Ed Institutions as Strategic Partner

– Robert Plunk & Jackie Newman

Mr. Plunk reported the Regional Leadership Council meeting held January 28th went very well with Carol Kulek's making a presentation on energy efficiency projects. The mayors who attended took interest in it. Mr. Jeff Fulgenzi reported Kulek credits the CEC presentation at the previous RLC meeting held in Rochester where her work was referenced and the availability of grant money. Kulek has gained several new relationships from this presentation. Fulgenzi noted another example of the CEC motivating good efforts, cooperation, and partnerships among the communities.

Plunk reported he and Ms. Jackie Newman have not been pressing any other subjects for now. A number of mayors including Mayor Mike Lopez of Jerome are catalysts for bringing interested to shared administrative functions and information technology services. This has been discussed and continues to be discussed.

Plunk reported the next RLC meeting will be April 29, 2015, in the County Board Chamber. He stated that the RLC is also considering utilizing the facilities of the SIU School of Medicine for its' July meeting.

Chair Walters expressed interest in holding an orientation for the newly elected mayors & council members to help them become familiar with the CEC and the RLC.

B. Sewer Transfer Study - Chair Walters & Jim Donelan

No report

C. Regional Policing Study - Karen Hasara & Sen. Larry Bomke

Karen Hasara reported she been in contact with a person from the International Chiefs of Police Association in Washington, DC who is interested in helping the CEC with the study. She is waiting for his proposal and then will meet with the County Board for help with the expenses. The study



will be targeted to assess opportunities for improved law enforcement service delivery in Sangamon County

D. Developing Legislative Linkages - Karen Hasara & Sen. Larry Bomke

Sen. Bomke touched on the Governor's speech where he spoke about lowering costs of local government. Sen. Bomke and Mr. Fulgenzi will be meeting with Brian Colgan, Chief of Staff of the Lieutenant Governor Office & Brian Costin, Policy Director on Wednesday to learn more about the Governor's intentions. There was some discussion related to Foreign Fire Insurance Funds, as well as the Foreign Fire Insurance Funding CEC recommendation and the Pass Thru Fire Protection District Recommendations. Mr. Fulgenzi indicated he has spoken with Brian Costin. He indicated the administration is very interested in the work of the CEC. Chair Walters suggested inviting Evelyn Sanguinetti (47th Lieutenant Governor of Illinois), Brian Colgan and Brian Costin to one of the CEC's meetings to acquaint them to the CEC's work.

After much discussion, it was suggested starting with the "Philosophy on Recommendations" that was written in the "CEC Final Report" to familiarizing the new appointees to the CEC.

E. Developing Linkages with Townships - Jim Donelan & J.D. Sudeth

Chair Walters asked for an update on townships. Mr. J.D. Sudeth reported the taskforce had a discussion on parking lots but for now there was nothing to report.

F. Developing Linkages with Fire/EMS – Robert Plunk & Robert Wesley

Mr. Plunk noted that he had attended another meeting last Thursday evening and feels the CEC and the general RLC has a problem with communication with local agencies. After discussion of the situation that Plunk observed, the CEC talk about the webpage being a place to list meeting dates and dissemination information about what the CEC's objective is to create efficiency within the County. With the current update of the County website, there will be a separate website for the CEC. The RLC was mentioned to be included in the County website, but it is believed that the RLC is going to have their own site that will serve both the public and members of the RLC. The CEC decided to approach the County to see if the RLC and the RLC subcommittee could also have a presence on the website to notify the public of their meeting times, agendas, and minutes.

Mr. Wesley reiterated the Fire Chief's Association Executive members are not clearly accurately communicating the CEC's intentions to the Fire Protection District Boards of Trustees. It is the Executive Board of the Fire Chief's that identified the half dozen ailing departments in Sangamon County. They also made clear their opposition to the existence of the Sangamon County Rescue Squad. They have recently sent surveys out to the Fire Protection Districts and appear to have misrepresented as a survey from the CEC or RLC subcommittee.



Wesley reported that fire fighters do not have to be certified through the Fire Marshal's office. Although the rescue squad members receive training from certified trainers, they cannot be certified because they have to be from a fire district. The rescue squad will continue to be an asset to the fire/ems service in Sangamon County.

Recently the CEC has asked Chief Bill Russell, of the Sangamon County Rescue Squad to invite Fire Protection District Boards of Trustees to the RLC meetings so they can have the opportunity to be fully informed.

G. Create Network of Business Leaders - J.D. Sudeth & Josh Collins

Mr. Josh Collins asked what the CEC would like to see on this. Chair Walters mentioned finding out what stands in the way of increasing economic development in the region, what are the impediments in getting economic growth. Perhaps business leaders can share with the CEC what keeps them from expanding or bringing new business into town. It was suggested to use the State of Illinois Poverty Report and the County health rankings to analyze by using some indicators such as health factors, education, green space, poverty level and quality of life.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No report

VII. OTHER SPECIAL REPORTS

Staff Report Regional Leadership Council held Wednesday, April 29th, 2015 at the County Board Chambers. Plunk suggested having food for the newly elected mayor's orientation.

The next CEC meeting date will be Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at 3:00 P.M. The meeting will be held in Room 212 of the Regional Planning Commission.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Walters asked if there were any public comments. Christie Crites congratulated Chair Walters on her recent award of Downtown Advocate.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Walters asked if there were any further comments. There being none, she called for a motion to adjourn. J.D. Sudeth motioned to adjourn. Jackie Newman seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gail Weiskopf
Acting as Recording Secretary